

Scotland

THE MARQUESSE
OF
HUNTLEY
HIS
REPLY TO CERTAINE
NOBLEMEN, GENTLEMEN,
AND MINISTERS,
COVENANTERS
OF
SCOTLAND:

Sent from their Associates, to signifie
unto him, that it behoved him either to assise
their Designes, or be carried to prison
in the Castle of Edinburgh:

The 20. of April, 1639.

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lately printed without Authoritie, or
his owne Consent.

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The Marquesse of Huntley's Reply to certaine Noblemen, &c.

IO be your Prisoner, is by much the lesse displeasing to mee, that my accusation is for nothing else but Loyaltie ; and that I have been brought into this estate by such ~~unfaire~~ *unfaire* meanes, as can never be made to appeare honourable in those who used them.

Whereas you offer Libertie, upon condition of my entring into your Co-
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venant, I am not so bad a Merchant as to buy it with the losse of my Conscience, Fidelity and Honour, which in so doing I should make account to be wholly perisht.

I have already given my Faith to my Prince, upon whose Head this Crowne by all Law of Nature and Nations is justly fallen, and will not falsifie that Faith by joyning with any in a pretence of Religion, which my owne fudgement cannot excuse from Rebellion: for it is well knowne, that in the Primitive Church no Armes were held lawfull, being listed by Subjects against their Lawfull Prince, though the whole frame of Christianitie was then in question.

Whereas you would incourage mee
to

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to be a partaker with you by your hopes
of supply from France, and other for-
raigne Nations, together with your
so good intelligence in England, as that
no danger will come from thence; Let
mee tell you, That in my opinion the
reasons are but vain, the French being
now more strictly tyed then before to
uphold the Authority of our Sacred
Soveraign, by a new cimented League
of Marriage, whereby their interest
in his Majesties Progenie will over-
ballance you, though your Cause were
better. Other Forrainers are meerely
unable by their owne distractions, and
the English have beene ever strong
enough for us, when onely their owne
King, and not ours too, did leade
them.

For my owne part, I am in your
power,

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*power, and resolv'd not to leave that
foule Title of Traitor as an Inheri-
tance upon my posterity. You may take
my Head from my shoulders, but not
my Heart from my Sovereigne.*

FINIS.

